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Application Serial No. 09/885,795

CURRENTLY PENDING CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) An information retrieval system comprising:
 - (A) an audio-visual display for displaying received audio-visual signals to a user;
 - (B) a transceiver electrically coupled to said audio-visual display, said transceiver further comprising an interface generator for displaying internet information links on said audio-visual display, a CPU which upon command creates an information request based on a unique code URL for access to ~~the internet~~ a database and an A/V connection which provides a connection to the internet for receiving ~~internet~~ information associated with said information request URL; and
 - (C) a controller in communication with said transceiver which permits the user to select and view selected audio-visual information from a signal source and to issue commands to said CPU of said transceiver.
2. (Original) An information retrieval system, as recited in claim 1, wherein said interface generator further provides a graphical digital overlay on said audio-visual display.
3. (Currently Amended) An information retrieval system, as recited in claim 1, wherein said controller further comprises an actuator for activating and interfacing with information internet links displayed on said audio-visual display.
4. (Original) An information retrieval system, as recited in claim 1, wherein said interface generator further comprises a list generator for selectively displaying on said audio-visual display a list of information.
5. (Original) An information retrieval system, as recited in claim 4, wherein said list generator provides a picture-in-picture window.
6. (Currently Amended) ~~A-n~~ An information retrieval system, as recited in claim 5, wherein said picture-in-picture window provides for continuous display of both ~~Internet~~ said information retrieval system provided information and information received from a broadcast signal source.
7. (Currently Amended) ~~A-n~~ An information retrieval system, as recited in claim 1, wherein said transceiver receives information from Internet.

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8. (Currently Amended) ~~A-n~~ An information retrieval system, as recited in claim 1, wherein said transceiver receives information from standard RF television signal reception.
9. (Currently Amended) ~~A-n~~ An information retrieval system, as recited in claim 1, wherein said transceiver receives information from a broadcast system.
10. (Currently Amended) ~~A-n~~ An information retrieval system, as recited in claim 1, wherein said transceiver receives information from a recorded media.
11. (Currently Amended) ~~A-n~~ An information retrieval system, as recited in claim 6, wherein said picture-in-picture window provides information based on the user's selection using said controller.
12. (Currently Amended) ~~A-n~~ An information retrieval system, as recited in claim 1, wherein said transceiver further comprises:
- (1) ~~a~~ a central processing unit;
 - (2) ~~digital~~ digital memory electrically connected to said central processing unit;
 - (3) ~~a~~ a remote control interface electrically connecting ~~connected~~ to said central processor through to a remote controller; and
 - (4) ~~a-n~~ an audio-visual module, electrically connected to said central processing unit, to interface between said transceiver and an audio-visual signal source and said audio-visual display.
13. (Currently Amended) ~~A-n~~ An information retrieval system as recited in claim 3, wherein said actuator further comprises ~~comprise~~:
- (1) ~~one~~ one or more buttons for user control of said transceiver; and
 - (2) ~~a~~ a remote communication transmitter for providing a communication channel between said actuator and said transceiver.

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14. (Currently Amended) ~~A n~~ An information retrieval system as recited in claim 1, wherein said interface generator provides listings of program and time information on said audio-visual display, upon command of said controller.

15. (Currently Amended) ~~A n~~ An information retrieval system as recited in claim 1, wherein said controller further comprises a recorder for storing user-selected information.

16. (Currently Amended) ~~A n~~ An information retrieval system as recited in claim 13, wherein said one or more buttons further comprises a mark button for use by the user in commanding said interface generator to display a reminder mark corresponding to a selected audio-visual program.

17. (Currently Amended) ~~A~~ A method for generating and displaying audio-visual information received from an external database ~~the internet~~ and at least one ~~other~~ audio-visual source, comprising the steps of:

- ~~(A)~~ receiving ~~receiving~~ an audio-visual signal;
- ~~(B)~~ displaying ~~displaying~~ said received audio-visual signal, wherein said audio-visual signal further comprises a selectable item;
- ~~(C)~~ selecting ~~selecting~~ said selectable item from said displayed audio-visual signal;
- ~~(D)~~ generating ~~generating and sending an Internet address~~ information request to an external database associated with said selected item;
- ~~(E)~~ receiving ~~receiving~~ information from ~~the internet~~ said external database for said ~~Internet address~~ information request of said displayed item from said audio-visual signal; and
- ~~(F)~~ displaying ~~displaying~~ said selected information on an audio-visual display.

18. (Currently Amended) ~~A~~ A method for generating and displaying audio-visual information, as recited in claim 17, wherein said selecting step further comprises:

- ~~(1)~~ providing ~~providing~~ a list of information related to said received audio-visual signal;
- ~~(2)~~ activating ~~activating~~ said provided list for display upon user command;
- ~~(3)~~ identifying ~~identifying~~ an item from said activated list;
- ~~(4)~~ displaying ~~displaying~~ said identified item on an audio-visual display; and
- ~~(5)~~ communicating ~~communicating~~ the selection of said item to a computer device for said generation of an associated information request ~~Internet address~~.

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19. ~~A~~ A method for generating and displaying audio-visual information, as recited in claim 17, wherein said displaying step further comprises the steps of: ~~comprise:~~

- (1) ~~opening~~ opening a display window on the audio-visual display device;
- (2) ~~inserting~~ inserting selected information in said opened display window; and
- (3) ~~continuing~~ continuing the display of audio-visual information from an audio-visual information source.

20. (Currently Amended) ~~A~~ A method for generating and displaying audio-visual information, as recited in claim 17, wherein said selecting information step further comprises selecting programming information.

21. (Currently Amended) ~~A~~ A method for generating and displaying audio-visual information, as recited in claim 17, wherein said selecting information step further comprises selecting product information.

22. (Currently Amended) ~~A~~ A method for generating and displaying audio-visual information, as recited in claim 17, wherein said selecting information step further comprises selecting service information.

23. (Currently Amended) ~~A~~ A method for generating and displaying audio-visual information, as recited in claim 17, wherein said selecting information step further comprises selecting public service information.

24. (Currently Amended) ~~A~~ A method for generating and displaying audio-visual information, as recited in claim 17, further comprising inquiring of a user for user information.